Education.—Large strides have been made in the field of elementary mass education by the opening of numerous schools under Government management side by side with liberal grants made for aided institutions, so that, as I have often stated in the Council, the expenditure on 'Education' has been growing disproportionately. The opening of the First Grade College with a well-epuipped laboratory and staff is contributing its quota for the spread of higher education as is testified by the rush for admission every year into the College.

Government have not been unaware of the growth of unemployment among the educated as a result of the present system of literary education, and they are making every effort to divert the attention of the people from purely literary to technical education by the opening of Industrial Schools and providing facilities for commercial education even in literary schools. Conservation of monuments and other historic relics is being attended to, and a special officer has been appointed for the purpose. These mainly account for the growth of expenditure under **'Scientific, etc., Departments.'**

Under **'Public Works'** the expenditure has risen from Rs. 10,67,683 in 1101 to Rs. 18,17,400 provided for the next year. Opening of fresh means of communications like the Nelliampathy Ghat Road, Nurni-Mungilmada Road, Cochin-Shertallai Road, important irrigation schemes like the North to South canal in Elamkunnapuzha-Narakal villages, the Lift Irrigation Scheme at Vellarappilli, Improvements to the Moolathura and Kunnamkattupathi systems as well as to Chiras and Dams like the Manapat Chira, Enamakkal Dam, etc., supply of good drinking water to Mattancheri, Nemmara, Ayilore and Trichur were some of the main activities of the Department during the period which have resulted in the large growth in expenditure.

During the period a new Department **'Uplift of the Depressed Classes'** has been opened exclusively for the amelioration of the condition of the depressed classes by spread of education among them, by the opening of colonies for their residences, by means of Co-operative Societies, etc., and as a consequence the expenditure on this account is expected to exceed a lakh of rupees in the coming year.

Having thus partially accounted for for the large growth of expenditure during the quinquennium, I shall now proceed with my dreary task of explaining the main features of the accounts of 1104, of the revised estimates of the current year and then of our budgetted programme for the coming year.

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